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# INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS, 52 THIRD UNITED STATES CIVIL-SERVICE DISTRICT, HEADQUARTERS AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Before writing for information see that your inquiry is not answered in this pamphlet.

1. This pamphlet contains information concerning examinations for the various barts of the Federal competitive classified service in the field (that is, outside of Vashington, D. C.), and within the limits of the Third United States Civil-Service District. The positions covered by the pamphlet are enumerated in paragraph 3. Brief information concerning other positions will be found in paragraphs 193 to 197. Complete information relative to positions in the departments at Washington, D. C., nd in the Panama Canal and Philippine Services is not included in this publicaion; concerning them persons interested should address: "The United States Civil ervice Commission, Washington, D. C."

2. The Third United States Civil-Service District is one of twelve districts which ave been established for convenience in holding examinations and making certications for filling vacancies in certain field positions. The Third District comrises the States of Pennsylvania and Delaware, and the counties of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Mercer, beean, Salem, Somerset, and Warren, in the State of New Jersey, with headquarers at Philadelphia, Pa.

3. Following is a list of the positions which have been placed under the Third District organization, with a guide to the location in the paraphlet of information oncerning them:

(a) All positions in the following:

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(b) The following-named positions in all field branches of the service (except the luartermaster Corps), including Immigration, Indian, Steamboat-Inspection, Lighttouse, and Public Health Services; Bureau of Animal Industry; Weather Bureau; Bureau of Mines; Bureau of Standards; Engineer Department at large; Ordnance Department at large; naval establishments, etc.:

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(c) The following-named positions in certain field branches:

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In the Immigration Service: Matron and matron-interpreter.	22	In the Quartermaster Corps: Messenger stenographer, watchman, and the follow	-
In the Engineer Department at large: Cer- tain positions	15	ing noneducational positions: Positions in	,
In the Bureau of Mines: Wireman and me- chanical draftsman.	22	the harbor-boat service, engineer, forester gardener, janitor, packer (at depots), rod	
In the Bureau of Standards: Junior labora-		man, warehouseman, and wheelwright In the Ordnance Department at large: Me	
tory helper. In naval establishments: Certain positions.	$\frac{22}{19}$	chanical draftsman, apprentice draftsman and apprentice	17
In the national military park at Gettys- burg, Pa.: Certain positions	20	In the Lighthouse Service: Certain posi- tions	- 18
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4. Additional positions may be included in the Third District organization when the conditions of the service make such additions desirable and practicable.

5. All civil-service work pertaining to the positions named in paragraph 3 is under the direction of a district secretary, subject to the supervision of the United States Civil Service Commission. The address of the district secretary is "Secretary, Third Civil-Service District, Philadelphia, Pa."

6. For information concerning vacancies, and salaries of positions, in any Federal office, inquiry should be made of the official in charge of the office.

# SPECIAL NOTICE-PHOTOGRAPHS.

7. Each applicant for an examination which includes a mental test, or for the position of unskilled laborer, will be required to submit to the examiner on the day he is examined a photograph of himself, taken within two years, which will be filed with his examination papers as a means of identification in case he receives appointment. An applicant who files an application showing him to be eligible for examination will be sent a card on which to mount the photograph and to furnish necessary information in connection therewith. An applicant who fails to present a photograph to the examiner will not be admitted to the examination. Group photographs, tintypes, or proofs will not be accepted.

# HOW TO PROCEED TO SECURE AN EXAMINATION.

8. Vacancies in all positions covered by this publication are filled by open competitive examination, unless filled by reinstatement, transfer, or promotion. Examinainations are open to all citizens of the United States who meet the requirements. It Persons who wish to take any of the examinations described should follow the directions contained in this pamphlet. In writing for application forms or for information we the name of the examination desired should always be stated. The application form when received should be carefully filled out in accordance with the instructions p printed thereon and mailed without delay to the Secretary, Third United States and Civil-Service District, Philadelphia, Pa. If the application is received by the district secretary in time for him to arrange for the examination and the applicant is found to be entitled to the examination requested, a card will be sent to him in ample time to admit him to the examination if a mental test is required. (See pars. 180 to 192 for method of making registers of the names of those who pass the examinations.)

9. A large number of communications are received in which the writers fail to an give their full post-office addresses, and in many cases the letters are not signed. Applicants should see that their names are plainly and correctly written and their post-office addresses (city, street, and number) given in full. A number of applications fail to reach the district secretary on account of not having sufficient postage attached. Usually at least 4 cents is required. It is not necessary to inclose postage stamps in order to secure a reply from the district secretary.

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## PERSONS WHO MAY NOT BE EXAMINED.

10. The commission is authorized to exclude a person from any examination for ny of the following reasons:

(a) That he is not a citizen of, or does not owe allegiance to, the United States. See pars. 33 to 36.)

(b) That he is, on the date of the examination, under the minimum or over the aximum age limit. (See pars. 13 and 30.)

(c) That he has any of the following defects: Insanity; tuberculosis; paralysis; pilepsy; seriously defective sight of both eyes which can not be corrected by glasses; ss of both arms or both legs; loss of arm and leg; badly crippled or deformed hands, ms, feet, or legs; uncompensated valvular disease of the heart; locomotor ataxia; uncer; Bright's disease; diabetes; or is otherwise physically disqualified for the rvice which he seeks. An applicant who has heart disease must submit the cerficate of two reputable physicians. If the defect is not fully compensated, the pplication will be canceled.

(d) That he is addicted to the habitual use of intoxicating beverages to excess, or the use of opium, morphine, or other narcotic drugs.

(e) That he has, within nine months, passed the same examination for which he gain desires to apply. This restriction does not apply to a person who has passed a examination and desires to enter the same examination in another city announced lely to secure eligibles for local appointments for which he is not eligible as a reult of his former examination.

(f) That he has been dismissed from the Federal service for delinquency or misconict within one year preceding the date of his application. Whether or not an oplication will be accepted after the expiration of a year from a person dismissed om the service rests with the commission, and each case of this character will be insidered on its individual merits.

(g) That he has failed after probation to receive absolute appointment to the sition for which he again applies within one year from the date of the expiration his probationary service. (See par. 192.) If the application is made after the spiration of a year, the circumstances which resulted in the failure of absolute pointment will determine whether or not the application will be accepted.

(h) That he has made a false statement in his application, or has been guilty of aud or deceit in any manner connected with his application or examination, or has sen guilty of crime or infamous or notoriously disgraceful conduct.

(i) That he has been dishonorably discharged from the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps.

#### DEAF-MUTES.

11. On April 7, 1909, the President issued the following order in regard to the Imission of deaf-mutes to civil-service examinations:

Deaf-mutes may be admitted to examinations for all places in the classified civil service of the lited States whose duties, in the opinion of the heads of the several executive departments, they ay be considered capable of performing, and each department will furnish to the Civil Service mmission a list of such positions, which list shall not be changed without previous notice to the mmission and in accordance with which the commission shall certify or withhold from certificaon deaf-mutes as they are reached in their order.

12. Form 1786, containing a list of examinations to which deaf-mutes will be lmitted, will be sent upon request.

#### PREFERENCE IN APPOINTMENT.

13. Section 1754 of the Revised Statutes provides that persons honorably disnarged from the military or naval service by reason of disability resulting from wounds ceived or sickness incurred in the line of duty shall be preferred for appointments to re civil offices, provided they are found to possess the business capacity necessary

for the proper discharge of the duties of such offices. A person who has been allowed 1 preference by the commission has the following advantages: (a) He is released from a all age limitations; (b) he has to attain an average percentage of only 65 to be eligible, if while for all others the average percentage required is 70; (c) having attained an 2 average percentage of 65, his name is placed on the register above, and is certified at before, those of persons who have not been allowed preference; and (d) he is released from the law and rules relating to apportionment of appointments. Appointments in the Field Service are not apportioned. If the names of more than one preferences claimant appear on the same register, the name of the claimant having the highest average percentage will, of course, head the list.

14. Persons entitled to preference under section 1754, R. S., are not released from any requirement as to physical condition or from any other requirement of the examination for which application is made, except those specifically mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

15. Preference under section 1754, R. S., does not apply to promotion examinations or to examinations for the Philippine Service.

16. Previous employment in the Government service does not entitle an eligible to preference in appointment.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION.

17. The commission has discontinued the requirement that persons who are enlisted in the Army, the Navy, or the Marine Corps shall file with their applications for civil-service examinations permission to enter the examinations obtained from the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy, respectively. Enlisted men will be admitted to examinations to which they are shown to be eligible; the question of their discharge, if offered civil appointment, will be determined by the military of naval authorities.

18. A person holding a classified position will not be permitted to compete in an examination of the same kind as that given for the position occupied or of the kind which resulted in appointment to the service until after three years from the date of appointment, with the following exceptions:

(a) The three-year limitation shall not apply to any person who has been appointed and who desires to be examined for the same position in another of the four branche of the service (Departmental, Field, Philippine, and Panama Canal).

(b) The three-year limitation shall not apply to any person who is to be dismissed from the service within the three years on account of necessary reduction of force or whose services will cease with those of the officer by whom he was commissioned or who is unassigned with no definite prospect of reemployment, and who has no been examined within nine months from the date of the examination to which such person seeks entrance.

(c) The three-year limitation shall not apply to any person who has been appointed from the typewriter examination and who desires to take the stenographer examination tion or the stenographer and typewriter examination for the same branch of the service. In case such person passes the stenographer and typewriter examination his name will not be entered upon the typewriter register.

(d) The three-year limitation shall not apply to any person who has been appointed from the stenographer examination and who desires to take the typewriter examination or the stenographer and typewriter examination for the same branch of the service. In case such person passes the stenographer and typewriter examination his name will not be entered upon the stenographer register.

(e) The three-year limitation shall not apply to a person who has been appointed to the position of substitute clerk in the Post-Office Service and who desires to enter an examination for carrier upon the establishment of city delivery service or expermental delivery service at his office.

19. It is not necessary for a person to resign a Government position in order to take examination for a position of a kind different from that occupied and of a kind ferent from that which resulted in appointment to the service.

20. A person who passes in an examination will not be allowed reexamination for e same position, or for any position covered by the same examination, until nine onths after the date of the former examination, whether or not the competitor has en three times certified. (See sec. 10(e).) This does not apply to a person who s been examined for the Departmental, Panama Canal, or Philippine Service and 10 desires examination for the Field Service, or vice versa. A person who has en notified of failure to pass in an examination may, upon filing a new application due time, enter the next examination when held. Reexamination for reasons other an those named will be granted only in very exceptional cases, in which injustice s for any reason been done or suffered, and in such cases the request for reexaminaon must be accompanied by a sworn statement of the alleged facts upon which it is sed. A simple statement that the applicant did not do himself justice will not be carded as sufficient ground for allowing a reexamination. An applicant who is k or who is recovering from sickness when he enters an examination, or who is ken sick during an examination, must abide by the result of his examination, nether or not he states in his declaration sheet that he is physically unable to do mself justice. In case of reexamination all subjects of the examination must be ken.

21. Many applicants fail to execute their applications properly or fail in the examitions not because of a lack of knowledge, but through haste and carelessness reading and interpreting questions and in writing the answers. In filling out the plication great care should be exercised to comply with every requirement. In e examinations, while competitors must complete their work within a prescribed riod, the time allowed is ample for the careful consideration of every question ven.

22. Under sections 28 and 125 of the Criminal Code of the United States any false atement in an application, forgery or alteration of a voucher or certificate, or the esentation to the commission of a paper containing such false statement, forgery, or teration, is a violation of the law. Prosecutions in such cases have resulted in conctions under the statutes mentioned. The United States Supreme Court has held at it is not essential to charge or prove an actual financial or property loss to make a se of defrauding the United States under the statutes.

23. The time of filing application sometimes determines the relative position of an igible on the register, for the reason that when two eligibles have the same average e one whose application is filed in complete form first is placed on the register read of the other. It is therefore advisable for applicants to file their applications soon as possible after the receipt of the blank application forms.

24. A request for a change in the place at which an applicant wishes to be examed ed must be made in writing and be received by the district secretary in time for in to arrange for the examination; otherwise no change will be made.

25. The commission is not responsible for delay in the receipt of applications. Apications sent by mail are not received unless postage is fully prepaid. Mailing an oplication is not filing it, and applications, whether sent by mail or otherwise, are ot accepted unless actually received by the district secretary in time for the camination desired.

26. Persons who have applied for an examination, or who have passed an examinaon, should keep the district secretary informed of any change of post-office address. ailure to do so will be treated as the fault of the applicant or eligible. A request to ave an address changed should be made in writing, should relate only to the change address, and should indicate the kind and date of the examination taken, and, if lucational, the place of examination.

27. The results of examinations are determined as promptly as possible, and conpetitors are notified of their averages as soon as the rating of their papers is conpleted. Nothing can be gained by writing to either the district secretary or the commission to expedite the rating.

28. The civil-service act provides that whenever there are two or more member of a family in the public service in the grades covered by that act no other memb of such family shall be eligible for appointment to any of the said grades. The Attor ney General, on May 25, 1907, rendered an opinion that where two or more merbers of a family are in the public service in the grades covered by the civil-serviact the commission is authorized and required to withhold from certification t name of any other member of such family. If, on inspection of an application f examination, it is found that two or more members of the applicant's family are the classified service, the applicant will be admitted to examination if found other wise eligible, but his name will not be certified for appointment so long as two more members of his family are in the classified service.

29. A person shown by his application to have not more than one member of I family employed in the classified service, and who is therefore apparently eligit for certification and appointment, may become ineligible through the appointme of other members of his family subsequent to the filing of his application. Eve eligible must therefore promptly inform the district secretary when any addition members of his family are appointed to the classified service, and he is warned th if he fails to thus notify the district secretary and there results a tender of appoint ment which he accepts, his appointment will be illegal if two members of his family are then employed in the classified service, and any expense incurred in reporti for duty or otherwise will be at his own risk.

30. When age limitations are prescribed in connection with an examination applicant will be admitted to examination if on the date thereof he has reached passed a certain prescribed age and is under a certain prescribed age. For examp when the period of eligibility to examination is from the age of 20 to the age 40 years, he will be admitted to examination if on the date thereof he has reach his twentieth birthday, and he will not be admitted to examination if on the date thereof he has reached his fortieth birthday. The age limits for all examination are waived in the case of persons honorably discharged from the United States mit tary or naval service by reason of disability resulting from wounds or sickness incurs in the line of duty. (See par. 13.)

31. The commission will close the distribution or receipt of applications for a examination when, in its judgment, a sufficient number have been distributed received.

32. If the needs of the service make such action advisable, the commission m postpone or cancel an examination. When an examination is postponed or canceled persons who have applications on file will be notified. In case of postponement notice of the date on which the examination is to be held will be sent as soon as t date is determined.

33. All applicants must make oath in their applications to their citizenship allegiance. In the case of a foreign-born person who claims United States citize ship, such citizenship must be fully proved in one of the following ways:

(a) If naturalized directly, the applicant's final certificate of naturalization mutualization is submitted. If the certificate is issued in a name which differs in any particul from the applicant's name as it appears in the application, it will be necessary if the applicant to prove his identity by submitting the affidavits of two disinterest citizens to the effect that the applicant is the identical person to whom the certificate was issued.

(b) If naturalized by the naturalization of a parent during applicant's minorit final naturalization certificate of such parent must be submitted, together with at

avits of two disinterested citizens that the applicant is the reputed child of the erson so naturalized.

(c) If naturalized by the naturalization of the applicant's husband, or by marriage a naturalized citizen, the marriage certificate or other satisfactory evidence of marage, accompanied by the final naturalization certificate of the husband, must be abmitted.

(d) If naturalized by marriage to a native American citizen, the marriage certifite must be submitted, accompanied by the affidavits of two disinterested citizens the husband (the name to correspond to that shown in marriage certificate) is a ative citizen. The affidavits should, if possible, show place and date of the husand's birth.

(e) If the applicant is the child of American citizens temporarily residing abroad is the time of applicant's birth, he must furnish affidavits of two disinterested citizens to the facts as claimed. If the parents are naturalized citizens, their citizenship ust be proved as in (b) above.

(f) If the applicant has been honorably discharged from the Regular or Volunteer rmy of the United States, and has resided at least one year in the United States, a may be admitted to citizenship upon filing petition with the proper court, as proded by section 2166, Revised Statutes.

(g) If the applicant has been honorably discharged from the United States Navy ter a service of five consecutive years, or from the United States Marine Corps after ne enlistment, he may be admitted to citizenship upon filing petition with the oper court, as provided by 28th Statutes at Large, page 124.

34. An application from a foreign-born person claiming citizenship, but failing to rnish the required proof, will be canceled. A declaration of intention to become **a** tizen will not be accepted in lieu of a certificate of naturalization. When the original aturalization papers are lost, a copy should be procured from the court that issued een, or, if the records of the court are destroyed, a new certificate should be obtained. 35. Foreign-born persons who have filed their petitions for final naturalization upers, and who are otherwise eligible for examination will be admitted to examation subject to their submitting proof of United States citizenship within 90 days ter the date of the examination.

36. When a person has once filed with the commission proof of citizenship in conaction with an application for examination, it is not necessary to file such proof with subsequent application, but he should state in such application the kind, date, and ace of examination in connection with which he has furnished proof of citizenship.

#### CIVIL-SERVICE SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTES.

37. The commission has no connection with any civil-service school or institute bing business by correspondence or otherwise, and has no information to furnish in gard to such schools. Representatives of schools are not permitted to inspect the camination papers of competitors. Authentic information in regard to examinations ay be obtained only from the United States Civil Service Commission or the district cretary, and without cost. The commission is in no way responsible for any atements contained in the advertisements of schools.

#### FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD GRADE EXAMINATIONS.

38. For positions in field branches of the service which require a mental test but o not require special or technical qualifications, examinations of three grades or egrees of difficulty are held, namely:

First-grade, or clerical.

Second-grade, or minor clerical.

Third-grade, or subclerical.

39. Eligibles on the first and third grade registers will be certified for filling vacanes as they may occur in any branch of the Field Service in positions covered by the

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grade of examination they have passed. (See regulations governing certifications, par 180 to 192.) Applicants for the first and third grade examinations should therefore apply "all services " in their applications, unless there are one or more services in which the will not accept appointment. In this event they should specifically enumerate in the applications the services in which appointment is NOT desired, in order that the names may not be certified for those services. The second-grade examination is giv for the positions of clerk and carrier in the Post-Office Service, and seldom for a other positions.

40. A request for a change in the designation of the services in which employme is or is not desired must be made in writing, or no change will be made.

41. A person can not be examined for more than one grade of positions on the sar date.

42. A request for a change in the grade of examination desired by an applica must be made in writing and be received by the district secretary in time for hi to arrange for the examination; otherwise no change will be made.

#### THE FIRST-GRADE, OR CLERICAL, EXAMINATION.

(For description of examination, sample questions, etc., see page 27.)

43. The minimum age limit for admission to this examination is 18 years; the is no maximum age limit; but no person under 21 years of age on the day examination will be eligible for appointment as deputy collector (under the narcot drugs law or under the income-tax provision of the tariff law), storekeeper, gauge or storekeeper-gauger in the Internal-Revenue Service; and no person under 21 more than 45 years of age on the day of examination will be eligible for appoint ment as day inspector or assistant weigher in the Customs Service, or to any po tion in that service whose duties are partly those of inspector. (See par. 75.)

44. Application form 1371 is required.

45. This examination is given for the positions of assistant weigher and day inspector (see par. 75), clerk, inspectress, cashier, storekeeper (classed as clerk), deput collector, gauger, and sampler in the Customs Service; deputy collector (under t narcotic drugs law and under the income-tax provision of the tariff law), cler gauger, storekeeper, and storekeeper-gauger, in the Internal-Revenue Service; tim keeper, copyist, and storeman in the navy yard and naval stations; and clerical po tions requiring similar qualifications in the services named and other field branche Persons desiring examination for any of these positions should apply for the "fir grade, or clerical," examination.

46. This examination will be held annually on the first Saturday in March at t following-named places, except that where the number of eligibles on the register any case is sufficient to meet the needs of the service the examination for that pla may be postponed until the next year:

Delaware:	Pennsylvania—Continued.	Pennsylvania-Continue
Wilmington.	Chambersburg.	Pittsburgh.
New Jersey:	Dubois.	Reading.
Atlantic City.	Erie.	Scranton.
Bridgeton.	Harrisburg.	Sharon.
Camden.	Kittanning.	Towanda.
Trenton.	Lancaster.	Uniontown.
Pennsylvania:	Lebanon.	Warren.
Allentown.	Oil City.	Wilkes-Barre.
Altoona.	Philadelphia.	Williamsport.

47. Application blanks may be obtained on and after January 2, either from t local secretaries at the post offices or the customhouses in the cities named or fro the Secretary, Third United States Civil-Service District, post office, Philadelphi Pa. To receive consideration for the March examination, applications must

led with the district secretary at Philadelphia in time for him to arrange for the xamination at the place selected by the applicant. Applications for the March vamination will not be accepted before January 2.

48. Should it become necessary, to meet the needs of the service, to hold examiations at any of the above-named or other places on dates other than that of the nnual examination in March, due announcement of such extra examinations will e made.

49. A person who has passed the first-grade examination for the Field Service hay not take the same examination for that service within nine months of the date f the examination he has passed, even though he desires to enter the examination nanother city. This restriction will not apply where a person who has passed the xamination may desire to enter an examination in another city announced solely to ecure eligibles for local appointments for which he is not eligible as a result of his prmer examination. A person who fails in the examination may take the next examiation, regardless of the time intervening.

#### THE SECOND-GRADE, OR MINOR CLERICAL, EXAMINATION.

(For description of examination, sample questions, etc., see pages 27 and 29.) 50. This examination is given for the positions of clerk and carrier in the Postoffice Service, and, infrequently, for minor clerical positions in other services. Information concerning the Post-Office Service will be found in paragraphs 84 to 89.

51. Should vacancies occur in minor clerical positions in field branches of services ther than the Post-Office, they will be filled by examination consisting of the second-rade subjects as shown on page 27, omitting the test in reading addresses, and with he addition of such other tests as may be deemed necessary. Such examinations rill be held only when eligibles are needed and will be duly announced. For aformation concerning minor clerical positions in the Ordnance Department at arge, see paragraph 118.

#### THE THIRD-GRADE, OR SUBCLERICAL, EXAMINATION.

(For description of examination, sample questions, etc., see pages 27 and 31.) 52. The minimum age limit for this examination is 18 years; there is no maximum ge limit; but no person who is less than 20 or more than 50 years of age on the day f examination will be certified for employment in the Custodian Service in any osition, and in making certifications for filling vacancies in the position of watchman including customs guard) the following age limits will be observed: Department of abor, 20 to 40 years; Department of Agriculture, 25 years or over; Post Office Deartment, 30 to 50 years; other branches, 20 years or over. In the case of persons llowed preference under section 1754, Revised Statutes, the age limits will be raived. (See pars. 13 and 30.)

53. Application and examination form 1371, including the medical certificate, is equired.

54. This examination is given for the positions of attendant, foreman, guard, and ight inspector in the Customs Service, timekeeper, special officer, caretaker, cusodian, fort keeper, receiver of material, and storekeeper in the Engineer Department t large, and for messenger, watchman, classified laborer, skilled laborer, and posions requiring similar qualifications, in the services named and other field branches. pecific information concerning examinations for the position of elevator conductor rill be found in paragraphs 152 to 157; messenger boy, paragraphs 158 to 162; janitor, ustodian Service, paragraph 97. Persons desiring to become eligible for appointnent to any of these positions, except elevator conductor, messenger boy, and janitor hould apply for the "third-grade, or subclerical," examination.

55. The term "skilled laborer," or "classified laborer," as here used is not intended be embrace the mechanical trades, which are commonly referred to as being skilled abor. In the present meaning, a skilled laborer is one whose duties are general

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or miscellaneous, below the clerical grades, and above the grade of mere manual laborer. In establishments of the Ordnance Department at large many minor clerical positions are designated as "skilled office laborer," which positions are filled through the second-grade examination. (See par. 118.)

56. The third-grade examination will be held annually on the first Saturday in June at Philadelphia, Pa., except that when the number of eligibles on the register is sufficient to meet the needs of the service the examination may be postponed until the next year.

57. Application blanks for the examination at Philadelphia may be obtained on and after April 1 from the Secretary, Third Civil-Service District, Philadelphia, Pa. To receive consideration for the June examination, applications must be filed with the district secretary at Philadelphia in time for him to arrange for the examination. Applications for the June examination will not be accepted before April 1.

58. Women will not be admitted to the annual third-grade examination. Should vacancies occur in third-grade positions for which women are desired, examinations will be duly announced.

59. At the places named in paragraph 46, other than Philadelphia, third-grade examinations will be held at such times as the needs of the service require and will be duly announced.

60. A person who has passed the third-grade examination for the Field Service may not take the same examination for that service within nine months of the date of the examination he has passed even though he desires to enter the examination in another city. This restriction will not apply where a person who has passed the examination may desire to enter an examination in another city announced solely to secure eligibles for local appointments for which he is not eligible as a result of his former examination. A person who fails in the examination may take the next examination, regardless of the time intervening.

61. Applicants for the third-grade, or subclerical, examination must be able-bodied and physically capable of performing manual labor. Persons afflicted with flatfoot will not be admitted to this examination.

62. Male applicants for the third-grade, or subclerical, examination, upon their request at the time of taking the mental examination, may take the strength test which is given to applicants for the position of unskilled laborer, and which consists in shouldering and carrying a mail sack and contents weighing 125 pounds. If they pass the strength test in addition to the subclerical examination, it will be noted on the skilled-laborer register as in the nature of a qualification. If an appointing officer requests certification from the third-grade register of those persons capable of performing heavy manual labor connected with a subclerical position, certification will be made from the skilled-laborer register of eligibles standing highest in the educational examination who have also passed the strength test.

#### INTERNAL-REVENUE SERVICE.

63. The first-grade, or clerical, examination is given for positions in this service as follows: Deputy collector (under the narcotic drugs law and under the incometax provision of the tariff law), clerk, gauger, storekeeper, and storekeeper-gauger. Information concerning positions of deputy collector filled by appointment by the collector, without competitive examination, is contained in paragraph 151.

64. The position of messenger in this service, and other positions requiring similar qualifications, are filled from registers established as a result of the third-grade, or subclerical, examination.

65. Applicants for the first or third grade examination should not apply for specific positions. (See pars. 38, 39, 45, and 54.)

66. Positions under the narcotic drugs law and under the income-tax provision of the tariff law are filled in the same manner that other competitive positions are filled.

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67. Persons who pass the examination held at the following-named places will be ligible for appointment in the Internal-Revenue Service in the internal-revenue istrict in which such places are located, as indicated below:

he first internal-revenue district of	The ninth internal-revenue district of
New Jersey:	Pennsylvania—Continued.
Atlantic City.	Scranton.
Bridgeton.	Towanda.
Camden (Headquarters).	-Wilkes-Barre.
Trenton.	Williamsport.
'he first internal-revenue district of	The twenty-third internal-revenue dis-
Pennsylvania:	trict of Pennsylvania:
Allentown.	Dubois.
Philadelphia (Headquarters).	Erie.
Reading.	Kittanning.
'he ninth internal-revenue district of	Oil City.
Pennsylvania:	Pittsburgh (Headquarters).
Altoona.	Sharon.
Chambersburg.	Uniontown.
Harrisburg.	Warren.
Lancaster (Headquarters).	The State of Delaware: <sup>1</sup>
Lebanon.	Wilmington.

68. Storekeepers and gaugers whose compensation does not exceed \$3 per diem vhen actually employed, and whose aggregate compensation does not exceed \$500 per annum, are not subject to competitive examination.

69. The minimum age limits for examinations for the Internal-Revenue Service are is follows: Deputy collector (under the narcotic drugs law and under the income-tax provision of the tariff law), storekeeper, gauger, and storekeeper-gauger, 21 years; ther positions, 18 years. There are no maximum limits for this service. (See par. 30.)

70. For description of first and third grade examinations, see pages 30 and 34; for lates of annual examinations, see paragraphs 46 and 56. Information concerning tenographer and typewriter examinations is given in paragraphs 142 to 150. For idditional information relative to certification and eligibility, see paragraphs 180 to 192.

# CUSTOMS SERVICE.

71. The Third Civil-Service District comprises one entire customs district and parts of two others. Certifications for filling vacancies in the Customs Service are made in accordance with the regulation contained in paragraph 185. The territory embraced in the separate district and parts of districts, and the places of examination in each (see pars. 46 and 56), are as follows:

(a) The district of Philadelphia comprises all of that part of the State of Pennsylvania lying east of 79° west longitude, all of the State of Delaware, and all of the State of New Jersey except the counties of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Passaic, Sussex, and Union. District headquarters are at Philadelphia. Philadelphia (including Camden and Gloucester City, N. J.) and Chester, Pa., Thompsons Point, and Tuckerton, N. J., and Lewes and Wilmington, Del., are ports

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The State of Delaware is in the internal-revenue district of Maryland, which comprises the States of Maryland and Delaware, the District of Columbia, and the counties of Accomac and Northampton of the State of Virginia, with headquarters at Baltimore. Persons passing the examination at Wilmington, Del., will be eligible for appointment to field positions in the Internal-Revenue Service anywhere in the internal-revenue district of Maryland. They will not, however, as a result of passing the examination for field positions, be eligible for appointment to positions in the office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue in the Treasury Department at Washington.

of entry. Places at which annual first-grade examinations are held (see par. 46) are as follows:

Allentown, Pa.	Chambersburg, Pa.	Philadelphia, Pa.	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Altoona, Pa.	Dubois, Pa.	Reading, Pa.	Williamsport, Pa.
Atlantic City, N. J.	Harrisburg, Pa.	Scranton, Pa.	Wilmington, Del.
Bridgeton, N. J.	Lancaster, Pa.	Towanda, Pa.	0 ,
Camden, N. J.	Lebanon, Pa.	Trenton, N. J.	

(b) The district of Pittsburgh comprises all of the State of West Virginia and all of that part of the State of Pennsylvania lying west of 79° west longitude, except the county of Erie. District headquarters are at Pittsburgh. The State of West Virginia is included in the Fourth Civil-Service District. In accordance with the provision contained in section 185, for purposes of certification, the part of Pennsylvania referred to is treated as a separate customs district. The port of entry is Pittsburgh. Places at which annual first-grade examinations are held (see par. 46) are as follows:

Kittanning, Pa.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Uniontown, Pa.
Oil City, Pa.	Sharon, Pa.	Warren, Pa.

(c) The county of Erie, Pa., is included in the customs district of Ohio. The balance of that customs district is included in the Sixth Civil-Service District. In accordance with the provision contained in paragraph 185, Erie County, for purposes of certification, is treated as a separate customs district. Erie and Corry are ports of entry. There is one place at which annual first-grade examinations (see par. 46) are held:

Erie, Pa.

72. The first-grade, or clerical, examination is given for positions in this service as follows: Assistant weigher and day inspector (see par. 75), clerk, cashier, inspectress, storekeeper (classed as clerk), deputy collector, gauger, and sampler.

73. There are no positions in the Customs Service in the Third Civil-Service District which are filled from the second-grade, or minor clerical, examination.

74. The third-grade, or subclerical, examination is given for the positions of attendant, foreman, guard, night inspector, messenger, watchman, and classified laborer. Persons less than 5 feet 7 inches in height without shoes will not be appointed to the positions of watchman and guard in the Customs Service.

Applicants for first or third grade examinations should not apply for specific positions. (See pars. 38, 39, 45, and 54.)

75. The positions of assistant weigher and day inspector in the district of Philadelphia usually are filled by promotion or transfer. No person may be appointed or promoted to the position of assistant weigher or that of day inspector in the district of Philadelphia who is less than 21 or more than 45 years of age, who is less than 5 feet 6 inches in height without shoes, or who is not in sound physical condition, as shown by the examination of a physician designated by the commission. Special regulations are in effect governing certification and appointment to the positions of assistant weigher and day inspector, and promotions and transfers in the Customs Service, in the district of Philadelphia. A copy of these regulations (Form 1556) will be furnished to those interested upon application to the district secretary at Philadelphia.

76. Examinations for the positions of chief or special deputy collector, deputy naval officer, deputy surveyor, examiner, chemist, and weigher are held only when eligibles are needed, and are duly announced.

77. The examination for opener and packer will consist of the third-grade, or subclerical, subjects, with a weight of 40 per cent (see page 27); training and experience 60 per cent. Credit will be given for experience in opening and packing gen-

ral merchandise. Applicants must state fully in their applications the class or lasses of goods they have opened and packed; as books, dry goods, clothing, fruit, roceries, glassware, etc. They should also give the names and addresses of emoloyers, the kind of business in which each employer was engaged, and the length of time employed in packing each class of goods. Application and examination form 371, including the medical certificate, is required. This examination will be held nly when eligibles are needed, and due announcement of examinations will be made.

78. When examinations for opener and packer and for other subclerical positions re announced to be held at any place at the same time, applicants for the opener ind packer examination who may also desire to become eligible for the subclerical positions named in paragraph 54 will be required to take but one examination, but nust file separate applications on Form 1371, one for opener and packer and another or the other subclerical positions. One of these applications *must be duly executed;* he other may be a copy of the first in the handwriting of the applicant. The copy nust be complete in every particular, including the jurat, vouchers, medical certifiate, and all other parts executed in the original, and must be accompanied by a tatement showing the kind, date, and place of the examination for which the original was filed. The copy must be filed with the original; it can not be made after he original has been filed.

79. Examinations for the position of sugar sampler are held only when eligibles re needed. Mental tests are not required for this position, the examination conisting of the elements of physical ability and training and experience. Application orm 1800 is required.

80. In the Customs Service women are, unless otherwise specified, eligible for appointment to the following-named positions only: Deputy collector, deputy surveyor, clerk, stenographer and typewriter, inspectress, and cashier.

81. At the port of Philadelphia, the entrance salary for clerks is \$840 per annum, with a provision for promotion to \$1,000 per annum at the end of one year's satisactory service.

82. The age limits for examinations for the Customs Service are as follows: Weigher, assistant weigher, day inspector, and positions the duties of which are partly those of inspector, minimum 21, maximum 45 years; other educational examinations, minimum 18 years, no maximum; sugar sampler, minimum 21, maximum 60 years; other noneducational examinations, minimum 20 years, no maximum. (See pars. 13 and 30.)

83. For description of first and third grade examinations, see pages 27 and 31. Information concerning stenographer and typewriter examinations is given in paragraphs 142 to 150. Additional information relative to noneducational examinations will be found in paragraphs 164 to 176. The position of unskilled laborer in cities where labor regulations are in force is filled as a result of physical examination, as described in paragraphs 177 to 179. For further information relative to certification and eligibility, see paragraphs 180 to 192.

#### **POST-OFFICE SERVICE.**

84. The second-grade, or minor clerical, examination is given for the positions of clerk, and carrier for city delivery, in the Post-Office Service. (For description of examinations, sample questions, etc., see pages 27 and 29.) Complete information concerning applications and examinations for and appointments in this service is contained in Form 1898 (Instructions to Applicants, Post-Office Service), which may be had by addressing a postal card to the Secretary, Third Civil-Service District, Philadelphia, Pa.

85. Applicants for the positions of clerk and city carrier must have reached their eighteenth birthday but not their forty-fifth birthday, on the date of the examina-

tion. The age limits are waived, however, in the case of persons honorably discharged from the military or naval service by reason of disability resulting from wounds or sickness incurred in line of duty. All applicants, however, must meet the physical requirements prescribed.

86. Examinations for the larger first-class post offices are held on the first Saturday in October of each year, if the needs of the service so require. Application blanks for these examinations are distributed and applications received on and after August 1.

87. Examinations for the smaller first-class post offices and for second-class post offices are held only when eligibles are needed. Public announcement of such examinations is made, and application blanks are not distributed nor applications received until examinations are announced.

88. It is the policy of the Post Office Department to fill vacancies in the position of assistant postmaster in first and second class post offices by the promotion or transfer of competent persons already in the service. When they are not so filled, appointment is made from the same examination as that for clerk and carrier; but a person who is under 21 years of age on the day of examination will not be eligible for appointment as assistant postmaster. No maximum age limit has been fixed for this position, and the rigid physical requirements prescribed for clerk and carrier positions are not made applicable. (For physical defects that will bar persons from any examination, see par. 10 (c).) Examinations for assistant postmaster are held only upon request of the Post Office Department.

89. Information concerning stenographer and typewriter examinations will be found in paragraphs 142 to 150; unskilled laborer, paragraphs 177 to 179; rural carrier, paragraphs 195 and 196; fourth-class postmaster, paragraph 197.

#### SUBTREASURY SERVICE.

90. Clerical and subclerical positions in the subtreasury at Philadelphia are filled by certification from the registers resulting from the first and third grade examinations for all services referred to in paragraphs 38 to 62, and persons desiring appointment to such positions in the subtreasury should enter those general examinations. Information concerning stenographer and typewriter examinations will be found in paragraphs 142 to 150. Examinations for other positions are announced as the needs of the service require.

91. In order to become eligible for appointment to clerical positions in the Subtreasury Service applicants must show in their applications that they have had at least three years' experience in lines of work similar to that of clerical positions in subtreasuries.

92. Rigid tests of character and integrity will be applied to all applicants for the Subtreasury Service, and only those satisfactorily meeting such tests may become eligible for appointment to this service. These tests shall be such as may be found practicable and satisfactory to the Civil Service Commission and the assistant treasurer.

#### MINT AND ASSAY SERVICE.

93. The only office of this service in the Third Civil-Service District is the mint at Philadelphia.

94. Vacancies occurring in clerical and subclerical positions are filled by certification from the registers resulting from the first and third grade examinations referred to in paragraphs 38 to 62. Information relative to stenographer and typewriter examinations is given in paragraphs 142 to 150. Examinations for other positions are held as the needs of the service require and are publicly announced.

#### CUSTODIAN SERVICE.

95. The Custodian Service covers positions the duties of which relate to the care and management of public buildings outside of Washington, D. C. Women are not eligible for appointment in the Custodian Service, except for the positions of clerk (stenographer and typewriter) and charwoman.

96. The age limits for examinations for the Custodian Service are 20 and 50 years for all positions. The age limits are waived in the case of persons honorably discharged from the United States military or naval service for disability resulting from wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty. (See par. 30.)

97. Educational examinations.—Examinations for the positions of assistant custodian, assistant custodian-janitor, janitor, and technical positions, such as steam engineer, engineer helper, electrician, and dynamo tender, are held only when eligibles are needed, and are duly announced. Information concerning examinations for the position of elevator conductor will be found in paragraphs 152 to 157. Vacancies occurring in other subclerical positions are filled from registers resulting from the third-grade, or subclerical, examination referred to in paragraphs 52 to 62.

98. Noneducational examinations.—This class includes positions such as fireman, fireman-helper, fireman-laborer, fireman-watchman, etc. In paragraph 170 is given a list of positions in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh which are filled through noneducational examination, and for which applications are received at any time by the district secretary. The resulting registers are used for filling vacancies occurring in the positions named in various branches of the Field Service. The position of fireman, and positions whose principal duties are those of fireman, in the Custodian Service in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, are filled by certification from the register for the position of stationary fireman included in the list referred to. Examinations for noneducational positions in the Custodian Service not mentioned in paragraph 170, and for other localities, are held only when eligibles are needed and are duly announced.

99. The first word of the title of double-titled positions in the Custodian Service such as fireman-watchman, watchman-fireman, fireman-laborer, janitor-fireman, etc.—indicates the more important duties of the position, and vacancies are filled by noneducational or educational examination accordingly. For instance, a vacancy in the position of fireman-watchman will be filled by a noneducational examination for fireman, as described in the preceding paragraph, while a vacancy in the position of watchman-fireman will be filled by certification from the register established as a result of the third-grade educational, or subclerical, examination referred to in paragraphs 52 to 62.

100. Application and examination form 1800 is required for noneducational examinations in the Custodian Service. Applications must be filled out in the handwriting of the applicants.

101. For further information concerning noneducational examinations, see paragraphs 164 to 176. Information relative to the position of unskilled laborer is given in paragraphs 177 to 179. The regulations governing certification and eligibility are shown in paragraphs 180 to 192.

# ENGINEER DEPARTMENT AT LARGE.

102. The headquarters of the United States engineer districts in the Third Civil-Service District are located at Philadelphia, Pa., Pittsburgh, Pa., and Wilmington, Del.

103. Educational examinations.—The positions of clerk of the entrance grade, copyist, bookkeeper, stenographer, typewriter, and subclerical positions, including elevator conductor, messenger, messenger boy, timekeeper, skilled laborer, special officer, caretaker, custodian, fort keeper, receiver of material, storekeeper, and

watchman, are filled by certification of eligibles by the district secretary at Philadelphia, Pa. Of these positions, those of the clerical and subclerical grades, except elevator conductor and messenger boy, are filled from registers resulting from the first and third grade examinations described in paragraphs 38 to 62. Information concerning the stenographer and typewriter examinations will be found in paragraphs 142 to 150; messenger boy, paragraphs 158 to 162; elevator conductor, paragraphs 152 to 157; bookkeeper, paragraph 163. Examinations for other positions will be held only when eligibles are needed, due announcement of which will be made.

104. Draftsman examinations.—All positions of draftsman below the grade of junior engineer draftsman in the Engineer Department at large are filled through an examination which consists of a rating on training and experience and a rating on submitted specimens of drawing and lettering, the two elements having equal weights in the total rating. Examinations will be announced by the district secretary when eligibles are needed and application blanks (Form 1312) will not be distributed until an examination has been announced, except that applications for the position of apprentice draftsman may be filed with the district secretary at any time. Examinations for draftsmen of higher grades will be announced by the commission when necessary.

105. Noneducational examinations.—This class includes mechanical trades and similar positions. In paragraph 170 is given a list of positions in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh which are filled through noneducational examination, and for which applications are received at any time by the district secretary. The positions named are those in which vacancies occur with more or less frequency in various branches of the service, and the resulting registers are used for filling vacancies occurring in any of those branches.

106. For positions which are peculiar to the Engineer Department at large and not mentioned in paragraph 170, and for other localities, applications are received at any time by the local boards of civil-service examiners for the various engineer districts. Application and examination blanks (Form 1800) may be obtained from the secretary of the Third Civil-Service District, Philadelphia, Pa., or the secretary of the local board at the headquarters of the engineer district in which employment is desired. (See par.102.) The local boards will also furnish any further information desired concerning these positions.

107. Registers for mechanical trades positions show the branch or branches of the trade in which the eligibles are experienced, and selections for filling vacancies in the Engineer Department at large may be made of the highest three eligibles who have had experience in a particular branch of the trade. For instance, the carpenter register may contain the names of stair builders, ship carpenters, bridge carpenters, etc.

108. The minimum age limit for noneducational examinations for the Engineer Department at large is 18 years; there is no maximum limit.

109. For additional information concerning noneducational examinations see paragraphs 164 to 176. For information relative to certification and eligibility, see paragraphs 180 to 192.

#### QUARTERMASTER CORPS.

110. The branch of the service formerly known as the Quartermaster's Department at large is now embraced in the Quartermaster Corps. The Army appropriation act approved August 24, 1912, provides that positions in the Quartermaster Corps which formerly were filled as a result of open competitive examinations held by the Civil Service Commission may be filled through such examinations or by enlistment. The information given below is applicable when the positions are filled through

examination. For information relating to positions filled by enlistment, application should be made to the Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D. C.

111. Establishments of the Quartermaster Corps in the Third Civil-Service District are as follows: Supply depot at Philadelphia, Pa.; storage and supply depot at Pittsburgh, Pa.; Fort Mott, N. J.; Fort Dupont, Del.

112. Educational examinations.—Vacancies occurring in subclerical positions (messenger and watchman) in this service are filled by certification from the registers resulting from the third-grade examination referred to in paragraphs 52 to 62. Information concerning stenographer and typewriter examinations is given in paragraphs 142 to 150. Examinations for other positions which require mental tests are held as the needs of the service demand and are duly announced.

113. Noneducational examinations.—Positions of the noneducational class which are filled through competitive examination are as follows: Positions in the harborboat service, stationary engineer (salary \$900 a year or less), forester, gardener, janitor, packer (at depots), rodman, warehouseman, and wheelwright. As shown in paragraph 170, for some of these positions in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh applications may be filed at any time with the district secretary at Philadelphia, Pa. For positions named above, but not mentioned in paragraph 170, and for other localities, examinations are held only when eligibles are needed and are duly announced. Form 1800 is used in making application for these positions.

114. The age limits for noneducational examinations for the Quartermaster Corps are 20 and 50 years. (See par. 30.) The age limits are waived in case of persons honorably discharged from the military or naval service by reason of wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty.

115. For further information relative to noneducational examinations, see paragraphs 164 to 176; unskilled labor, paragraphs 177 to 179. For information relative to certification and eligibility, see paragraphs 180 to 192.

## ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT AT LARGE.

116. The only establishment of the Ordnance Department at large for which certifications of eligibles are made from the office of the secretary of the Third Civil-Service District is at Philadelphia, Pa. (Frankford Arsenal).

117. Educational examinations.—Clerical, minor clerical, and subclerical positions in this service are filled from registers resulting from the first, second, and third grade examinations described in paragraphs 38 to 62.

118. For the position of skilled office laborer, the second-grade, or minor clerical examination, referred to in paragraphs 50 and 51, is given if the duties of the position do not require a knowledge of typewriting. If a knowledge of typewriting is required, the minor typewriter examination is given. Examinations are held as the needs of the service require and are duly announced.

119. Information concerning examinations for the positions of stenographer and typewriter will be found in paragraphs 142 to 150; messenger boy, paragraphs 158 to 162.

120. Examinations for the position of apprentice will be held as frequently as the needs of the service require and will be publicly announced by the district secretary. The examination consists of simple mental tests and a rating on physical condition. Competitors must be not less than 15 nor more than 18 years of age on the date of examination, except that applicants who are graduates of a technical or manual training school may be admitted to examination if not more than 20 years of age. Application and examination form 1375 is required.

121. Examinations for other positions which require mental tests are held as the needs of the service demand and are duly announced.

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122. Mechanical draftsman and apprentice draftsman.—Information relative to the positions of mechanical draftsman and apprentice draftsman, and application forms therefor, may be obtained by addressing the chairman of the local board of civilservice examiners at the ordnance establishment, or the secretary of the Third Civil-Service District, Post-Office Building, Philadelphia, Pa. Applications may be filed at any time with the district secretary. Examinations will be held as frequently as the needs of the service require. Applicants will not be assembled for examination, but will be required to submit with their applications a specimen of pencil drawing (mechanical) and a tracing thereof, with a statement of the time consumed in making each and a sworn statement that the drawings submitted are wholly the work of the applicant. The ratings will be based upon the work submitted and the applicant's education, training, and experience, as shown by the application and corroborative evidence. The age limit for the mechanical draftsman examination is 18 years or over on the date of the examination; for the apprentice draftsman examination, 17 to 21 years on the date of the examination. (See par. 30.) Application and examination form 1312 is required for both examinations. Form 1834 is also furnished to applicants for apprentice draftsman, and Form 1835 to applicants for mechancial draftsman, each containing full information in regard to the character and requirements of the examination. Eligibles on the apprentice draftsman register may also be certified for filling vacancies in the Engineer Department at large.

123. Noneducational examinations.—This class includes mechanical trades and similar positions. In paragraph 170 is given a list of positions filled by noneducational examination, applications for which are received at any time by the district secretary. The positions named are those in which vacancies occur with more or less frequency in various branches of the service, and the resulting registers are used for filling vacancies occurring in any of those branches.

124. For positions which are peculiar to the Ordnance Department at large and not mentioned in paragraph 170, applications are received at any time by the local board of civil-service examiners at the ordnance establishment. Application and examination blanks (Form 1800) may be obtained from the Secretary Third Civil-Service District, Philadelphia, Pa., or the secretary of the local board at the Frankford Arsenal. The local board will also furnish any further information desired concerning these positions.

125. The age limits for noneducational examinations for the Ordnance Department at large are as follows: Men, minimum 20, maximum 55 years; women, minimum 18, maximum 45 years. (See pars. 13 and 30.)

126. For additional information concerning noneducational examinations, see paragraphs 164 to 176. For information relative to certification and eligibility, see paragraphs 180 to 192.

127. Unskilled labor.—For information concerning the position of unskilled laborer in the Ordnance Department at large, application should be made to the board of labor employment at the ordnance establishment. General information concerning unskilled labor in Federal offices and establishments will be found in paragraphs 177 to 179.

# LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE.

128. The headquarters of the lighthouse districts which are wholly or partly in the Third Civil-Service District are located as follows: Third lighthouse district, Tompkinsville, N. Y.; fourth lighthouse district, Philadelphia, Pa.; fifth lighthouse district, Baltimore, Md.; tenth lighthouse district, Buffalo, N. Y.; fourteenth lighthouse district, Cincinnati, Ohio.

129. Educational examinations.—The positions of bookkeeper, clerk, copyist, stenographer, typewriter, messenger boy, messenger, watchman, and skilled laborer are

filled by certification of eligibles by the secretary of the Third Civil-Service District, Philadelphia, Pa. The positions of clerk, copyist, messenger, watchman, and skilled laborer are filled from registers resulting from the first and third grade examinations described in paragraphs 38 to 62. Information concerning the stenographer and typewriter examination will be found in paragraphs 142 to 150; bookkeeper, paragraph 163; messenger boy, paragraphs 158 to 162.

130. Examinations for aid, cadet engineer, cadet officer, draftsman, scientific assistant, superintendent, and other such technical positions will be announced when eligibles are needed.

131. Noneducational examinations.—This class includes the mechanical trades, the positions of master, mate, pilot, engineer on light vessels and tenders, keeper, assistant keeper, and similar positions. In paragragh 170 is given a list of positions in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh which are filled through noneducational examination and for which applications are received at any time by the district secretary. The positions named are those in which vacancies occur with more or less frequency in various branches of the service, and the resulting registers are used for filling vacancies occurring in any of those branches.

132. For positions which are peculiar to the Lighthouse Service and not mentioned in paragraph 170, and for other localities, applications are received at any time by the local boards of civil-service examiners for the lighthouse districts. A local board may suspend the receipt of applications for any particular position until such time as eligibles for that position are needed. Application and examination blanks may be obtained from the secretary of the local board at the headquarters of the lighthouse district in which employment is desired, and applications should be filed with him. (See par. 128.) Form 1025 will be used in making application for the positions of keeper and assistant keeper; for other positions of the noneducational class, Form 1800 will be used. The local boards will furnish any further information desired concerning these positions.

133. The age limits for noneducational examinations for the Lighthouse Service are as follows: Minimum, 18 years, except for those positions which require a license from the Steamboat-Inspection Service, for which the minimum limit is 21 years; maximum, 45 years for officers of tenders, none for other positions. Persons honorably discharged from the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, and persons already in the Lighthouse Service in classified positions, will be examined without reference to their age.

134. For additional information concerning noneducational examinations, see paragraphs 164 to 176. For information relative to certification and eligibility, see paragraphs 180 to 192.

#### NAVY-YARD SERVICE.

135. Labor boards have been established at the navy yard at Philadelphia, Pa., and at the Philadelphia Depot of Supplies, United States Marine Corps, in the Third Civil-Service District.

136. Educational examinations.—The positions of clerk of the entrance grade, bookkeeper, stenographer, typewriter, magazine attendant, blue printer, custodian, telegraph operator, telephone switchboard operator, timekeeper, messenger, messenger boy, ship keeper, store laborer, watchman, and certain other positions for which educational examinations are required, are filled by certification of eligibles by the secretary of the Third Civil-Service District, Philadelphia, Pa. Those of the clerical and subclerical grades, except messenger boy, are filled from registers resulting from the first and third grade examinations described in paragraphs 38 to 62. Information concerning the stenographer and typewriter examinations will be found in paragraphs 142 to 150; bookkeeper, paragraph 163; messenger boy, paragraphs 158 to 162.

137. Information in regard to marine engine and boiler draftsman, copyist marine engine and boiler draftsman, ship draftsman and copyist ship draftsman examinations is contained in the Manual of Examinations which is issued in January and July of each year.

138. Examinations for other positions requiring mental tests will be held only as eligibles are needed, and will be publicly announced.

139. Artisans, laborers, etc.—Applicants for employment in positions of the classes of artisan, common laborer, and the like should apply to the labor board at the navy yard or other naval establishment where employment is desired. (See par. 135.)

### NATIONAL MILITARY PARK.

140. The national military park at Gettysburg, Pa., is the only reservation of the kind in the Third Civil-Service District. For positions in this park examinations are held only when eligibles are needed to fill existing or prospective vacancies. Examinations will be duly announced, and application forms will not be distributed, and applications will not be accepted, until an examination is announced.

# CLERICAL, MINOR CLERICAL, AND SUBCLERICAL POSI-TIONS IN OTHER FIELD SERVICES.

141. Clerical, minor clerical, and subclerical positions in field branches of the Immigration, the Steamboat-Inspection, and the Public Health Services; in offices of the Bureau of Animal Industry, the Weather Bureau, the Bureau of Mines, and the Bureau of Standards, etc., are filled by certification from appropriate registers established from examinations for these grades as described in paragraphs 38 to 62.

#### STENOGRAPHER AND TYPEWRITER.

142. Combined stenographer and typewriter examinations are held for four branches of the service, namely, the Field Service (see pars. 2 and 3 (b)), the Departmental Service (departments and offices at Washington, D. C.), the Panama Canal Service, and the Philippine Service. Separate stenographer and separate typewriter examinations are held for the Field and Departmental Services.

143. Examinations for the Departmental and Panama Canal Services are held semiannually, in the spring and fall; for the Field and Philippine Services, only when eligibles are needed.

144. Women are not admitted to examinations for the Panama Canal and Philippine Services, and they are admitted to the Departmental Service examinations only when the announcement of the examination so specifies.

145. Application forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Third Civil-Service District, Post Office, Philadelphia, Pa., when examinations have been announced. Form 1371 is required for the Field Service; Form 304 for the Departmental Service; Form 1312 for the Panama Canal Service or both the Departmental and Panama Canal Services; Form 2 for the Philippine Service. Applications for the Field Service should be filed with the district secretary at Philadelphia, Pa.; for the Departmental, Panama Canal, and Philippine Services, with the Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C.

146. The age limits are as follows: Field and Departmental Services (except Custodian Service, see par. 96), minimum 18 years, no maximum; Panama Canal Service, minimum 20, maximum 45 years; Philippine Service, minimum 20, maximum 40 years. (See pars. 13 and 30.)

147. The demand for male stenographer and typewriter eligibles usually is greater than the supply. Promotion to the higher grades is reasonably rapid for those whose services prove satisfactory.

148. As a result of one examination a man may become eligible for appointment to the Departmental and Panama Canal Services, and also to the Philippine Service when examinations for that service and other services are held at the same time. A separate examination is required for the Field Service.

149. In filling vacancies in positions in the Field Service, certifications to the various branches of the service will be made as stated in paragraph 188.

150. When an examination has been announced, persons desiring to enter the examination should write to the district secretary for the proper application form or forms (see par. 145) and for Form 1424, which contains full information concerning the scope of the examinations and the requirements for all services.

# DEPUTY COLLECTOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE AND DEPUTY MARSHAL.

151. Attention is invited to the following provision of an act of Congress making appropriations to supply urgent deficiencies in appropriations for the fiscal year 1913, approved October 22, 1913:

Hereafter any deputy collector of internal revenue or deputy marshal who may be required by law or by authority or direction of the collector of internal revenue or the United States marshal to execute a bond to the collector of internal revenue or United States marshal to secure faithful performance of official duty may be appointed by the said collector or marshal, who may require such bond without regard to the provisions of an act of Congress entitled 'an Act to regulate and improve the civil service of the United States," approved January 16, 1883, and amendments thereto, or any rule or regulation made in pursuance thereof, and the officer requiring said bond shall have power to revoke the appointment of any subordinate officer or employee and appoint his successor at his discretion without regard to the act, amendments, rules, or regulations aforesaid.

The foregoing applies to deputy marshals, and to deputy collectors of internal revenue who are appointed by collectors of internal revenue, but it does not apply to deputy collectors of internal revenue who are appointed by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, such as deputy collectors under the narcotic drugs law and under the income-tax provision of the tariff law. For information concerning positions of deputy collector filled through competititive examination, see paragraphs 45 and 63.

## ELEVATOR CONDUCTOR.

152. The position of elevator conductor in Federal buildings is filled through examination consisting of the educational subjects of the third-grade examination as shown on page 27, with a weight of 50 per cent, and training and experience, 50 per cent.

153. The age limits for this examination are 20 and 50 years. (See pars. 13 and 30.)

154. Application and examination form 1371, including the medical certificate, is required.

155. Applicants for this examination must be able-bodied and physically capable of performing manual labor.

156. In rating the element of "experience" credit will be given for actual experience as elevator conductor, electric motorman, or electric craneman, and applicants who have not had at least six months of such experience will not be admitted to the examination. If an applicant has had only six months' experience, that experience must have been gained within the twelve months just prior to the date of application. Applicants must fully indicate in their applications the kind of elevators, and whether passenger or freight, upon which they have been employed, as well as the length of their experience.

157. This examination will be held in the city in which, or in the vicinity of which, a vacancy occurs, and only when eligibles are needed, due announcement of which will be made.

#### MESSENGER BOY.

158. Examinations for filling vacancies in this position are held in the city in which, or in the vicinity of which, a vacancy occurs, and only when eligibles are needed. The examination will consist of the third-grade, or subclerical, subjects, as shown on page 27, with the exception of the subject of training and experience, each of the five subjects having a weight of 20 per cent. When examinations are to be held, due announcement is made.

159. The age limits for this examination are 16 and 18 years. (See par. 30.)

160. Application form 1371 is required.

161. While there are no height or weight requirements for the position of messenger boy, eligibles whose weight is grossly disproportionate to their age may not be certified for filling vacancies in positions the duties of which are such that unusual weight would interfere with their proper performance.

162. Positions of apprentice in stations of the Weather Bureau are filled by certification from the messenger boy register.

## OTHER EDUCATIONAL EXAMINATIONS.

163. Examinations for the positions of bookkeeper and telephone operator in various branches of the service, wireman and mechanical draftsman in the Bureau of Mines, junior laboratory helper in the Bureau of Standards, and matron and matron-interpreter in the Immigration Service will be held only when eligibles are needed, and will be duly announced. Application forms will not be distributed and applications will not be received until such announcement is made.

# NONEDUCATIONAL EXAMINATIONS.

164. This class includes examinations for the mechanical trades and similar positions which do not require a mental test. These positions in the Custodian Service, the Quartermaster Corps, the Engineer Department at large, the Ordnance Department at large, the Lighthouse Service, and certain other branches of the service have been placed under the district system. (See pars. 2 and 3 (b).)

I65. Appropriate examinations are held based on physical ability, and training and experience. The relative weights of these subjects on a scale of 100 are: Physical ability, 40; training and experience, 60; No competitor will be eligible for appointment who does not receive a rating of at least 70 per cent in the subject of training and experience and a rating of at least 70 per cent in the subject of physical ability. The information on which the ratings are based must be furnished by the applicant in the application blank. Care should be taken to furnish accurate and complete information in order that a sufficient basis may be had for rating the papers. Each question in the application and vouchers must be fully answered. Statements as to training and experience are accepted subject to verification.

166. The method of rating the subjects of these examinations is as follows :

(a) PHYSICAL ABILITY.—An applicant without apparent physical disqualification is rated at 98 for this element. For physical defects which may impair his efficiency in the position for which application is made, proportionate deduction will be made according to the nature of the defects.

(b) TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE.—This subject will be rated upon the statements made by the applicant in his application, as corroborated by his vouchers and references. Consideration will be given to the date, length, quality, and character of the experience shown, and special consideration will be given experience which is continuous and recent.

167. In any of these examinations the commission may in its discretion call for such additional evidence of qualifications or capacity as it may deem necessary,

but no recommendations other than those called for by the commission will be considered.

168. All competitors rated at 70 or more are eligible for appointment, and their names are placed on the proper register according to their ratings; but the names of persons preferred under section 1754, Revised Statutes, rated at 65 or more, are placed above those of persons who have not been allowed such preference. (See pars. 13 to 16.)

169. When noneducational examinations are given, applicants are not assembled for a mental examination, but are required to file fully executed applications, on the form prescribed, with the secretary of the civil-service district in which employment is desired, unless otherwise specified.

170. For the following-named positions at Philadelphia and Pittsburgh applications are received at any time by the secretary of the Third Civil-Service District, Philadelphia, Pa.:

Philadelphia:

Assistant marine steam engineer. Carpenter. Marine steam engineer. Mate. Painter. Stationary fireman. Pittsburgh: Carpenter. Stationary fireman. Stationary steam engineer.<sup>1</sup>

171. Application and examination blanks (Form 1800) may be obtained from the district secretary. Those who wish to apply for more than one position must file a separate application for each position desired.

172. For positions other than those named in paragraph 170, and for localities other than Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, examinations are announced as vacancies occur, except as provided in paragraphs 106, 124, and 132.

173. Applicants for the positions of marine engineer, master, mate, and pilot must give in their applications the names and tonnages of the vessels upon which they have been employed and submit with their applications licenses or certificates from the proper steamboat inspectors showing the grade and character of the licenses held by them.

174. Registers for Philadelphia and Pittsburgh will be established quarterly, or more or less frequently, as the needs of the service require. To receive consideration for a certain quarter, applications must be filed *in complete form* with the district secretary not later than the 15th of March, June, September, or December, as the case may be. The registers will be made up on or soon after the 1st of April, July, October, and January.

175. From the registers resulting from these examinations certification will be made for filling vacancies as they occur in various branches of the service, principally in the Quartermaster Corps, Engineer Department at large, and Ordnance Department at large, and occasionally in the Custodian Service, the Lighthouse Service, and certain other branches. In making certifications due regard will be had for the age limits and other requirements of the service to which certification is made. Further information relative to the Quartermaster Corps is given in paragraphs 110 to 115; Engineer Department at large, paragraphs 102 to 109; Ordnance Department at large, paragraphs 116 to 127; Lighthouse Service, paragraphs 128 to 134; Custodian Service, paragraphs 95 to 101. The regulations governing certification and eligibility are shown in paragraphs 180 to 192.

176. The district secretary or the Civil Service Commission at Washington will furnish information concerning noneducational positions not covered by this pamphlet.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Educational examination is required for this position in the Custodian Service (see par. 97), and for positions paying more than \$900 a year in the Quartermaster Corps.

## UNSKILLED LABORER.

177. This position is unclassified. In cities where regulations are in force governing the employment of laborers in the Federal service, positions of this character are filled by the registration of eligibles after a physical test. The duties of men are those of common laborer or workman, and of women those of charwoman or its equivalent In the Third Civil-Service District labor regulations are in force at Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Pa., and vicinity, and also in the Custodian Service in all cities in which. Federal buildings are located. Examinations for Philadelphia and Pittsburgh are held annually in May. Application blanks may be obtained from the board of labor employment at the post office in Philadelphia, Pa., or from the board at 406 Berger Building, in Pittsburgh, Pa., between April 1 and May 1 only. Applications will not be accepted unless filed with such boards prior to the hour of closing business on May 1. Examinations for other cities will be announced when eligibles are needed.

178. The age limits for this position, except in the Navy-Yard Service, are 20 and 50 years. (See par. 30.) The age limits are waived in the cases of honorably discharged veterans of the Civil War and persons honorably discharged from the United States military or naval service by reason of disability resulting from wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty.

179. For information concerning this position in cities where labor regulations are not in force, inquiry should be made of the official in charge of the office where employment is desired. Local boards of civil-service examiners at establishments of the Ordnance Department at large (see par. 124), and at navy yards and naval stations (see par. 135), will furnish upon request information relative to the employment of unskilled labor at such establishments.

## CERTIFICATION AND ELIGIBILITY.

180. After the papers of an examination have been rated the names of the eligibles are entered on the register in the order of the averages attained. An average percentage of not less than 70 is required in order to become eligible for appointment, except in the case of persons honorably discharged from the United States military or naval service for disability incurred in the line of duty. The names of such persons whose claims for preference have been allowed by the Civil Service Commission and who attain an average percentage of not less than 65 will be placed at the head of the eligible register. (See pars. 13 to 16.)

181. Separate registers are established for men and women, and certification is made according to the requisition of the nominating officer.

182. The period of eligibility is one year from the date of entering the name on the register, but the entire register may be extended for a further period, if in the judgment of the commission the needs of the service so require.

183. The highest three names on the appropriate register are certified for each vacancy. Unless sooner selected for appointment, an eligible will be entitled to three certifications for appointment to each nominating or appointing officer in each service for which he may be eligible for appointment. An eligible will not be certified for filling a vacancy in a position paying an entrance salary lower than that named by him in his examination papers. The appointment of a person whose name is on more than one register ordinarily operates to cancel his eligibility on all registers of the same or lower grade; an eligible should therefore advise the district secretary whether he desires his name to remain on any register established from examination other than the one which resulted in his appointment. Appointments may be made from a higher-grade register for filling vacancies in a lower-grade position.

184. For filling vacancies in the Internal-Revenue Service certification will be made of the names of eligibles who were examined in the internal-revenue district in which the vacancy occurs.

185. For filling vacancies in the Customs Service certification will be made of eligibles examined in the customs district in which the vacancy exists; except that when a customs district extends over parts of two or more civil-service districts certification will be made of eligibles examined in that part of the customs district which is in the civil-service district in which the vacancy exists.

186. For the positions of clerk, and carrier for city delivery, in post offices a separate register is established for each classified post office, containing the names of eligibles examined for such office. For certain large post offices separate male clerk and carrier registers are established, while for all other offices in which both clerks and city carriers are employed the names of male eligibles are entered on both the clerk and the carrier registers.

187. Certification for filling the position of clerk in the Army Transport Service will be made of eligibles examined in the city, or the vicinity of the city, from which the transport sails.

188. In making certification for filling vacancies in the positions of stenographer, typewriter, and stenographer and typewriter occurring in field services the regulations outlined in the foregoing paragraphs relative to methods of certification for various branches of the service will apply, so far as possible. In case the register for any locality becomes exhausted resort may be had to the register for the nearest locality that contains the names of eligibles available for the position vacant. Each competitor will be given an opportunity at the time of his examination to indicate the localities in which he is willing to accept appointment.

189. In filling vacancies in any position filled by educational examination not specifically provided for above, certification will be made of eligibles examined at the place at which, or in the immediate vicinity of which, the vacancy exists; except in the absence of local eligibles after due opportunity of local competition has been afforded, when certification may be made from registers for the nearest locality containing the names of available eligibles.

190. When certification for filling vacancies in a certain position or class of positions ordinarily is restricted to eligibles examined within a certain prescribed territory, and it is found to be impracticable to obtain sufficient eligibles from examinations held in such territory, then when the territory in which the examination is held is extended by special announcement of an examination in an effort to obtain additional eligibles, the territory from which certification will be made is likewise extended for the vacancy or vacancies covered by the announcement, unless the announcement specifies otherwise.

191. In filling vacancies in positions filled by noneducational examination and for which applications are filed with the district secretary, certification will be made of eligibles readily available for employment; in other words, of those who live in the place, or in the vicinity of the place, of employment, and of those who present themselves to a member of the local board of civil-service examiners (or to the employing officer when there is no local-board member) at the place at which employment is desired. An eligible who does not live at the place where he desires employment will not be certified for appointment there until he has personally appeared before a member of the local board of examiners (or the employing officer) at that place, has secured a certificate from the board member (or the employing officer) showing the date on which he appeared, and has filed such certificate with the district secretary. In this connection vicinity is defined as the territory within the usual commuting distance. An employing officer is the official in charge of an office or other establishment. Eligibles on registers maintained by the district sec-

retary will be certified for filling vacancies occurring in any branch of the service. From registers maintained by local boards, certification will be made of the highest qualified eligibles on the local-board registers, in conformity with the special regulations governing.

192. Every appointment is made for a probationary period. If the appointee is retained in the service at the end of six months (or at the end of one year, if so specified in the certificate of appointment), such retention is equivalent to his absolute appointment. In the Post-Office Service the period of probationary appointment begins from the date of appointment as regular clerk or carrier and not from the date of appointment as substitute.

# INFORMATION CONCERNING OTHER SERVICES.

193. A Manual of Examinations is issued by the United States Civil Service Commission in January and July of each year. It contains full information concerning the regular spring and fall examinations for positions in the Departmental, Indian, Railway Mail, Government Printing, Philippine, Panama Canal, and other services.

# TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXAMINATIONS, ALL SERVICES.

194. These examinations are announced from time to time as the needs of the service demand and are designed to meet the requirements of the positions to be filled. Eligibles are certified to vacancies in the departments at Washington, or in the local offices in the vicinity of their places of residence, or elsewhere, as in the judgment of the Civil Service Commission may be required for the good of the service. Information concerning these examinations may be obtained from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., or the district secretary.

#### RURAL DELIVERY CARRIER.

195. Examinations for the position of rural carrier will be held as the needs of the service require. Applications are not accepted until examinations are announced. A copy of Form 1977, Instructions to Applicants for the Rural Carrier Examination, will be sent upon receipt of request by the Secretary, Third Civil-Service District, Philadelphia, Pa.

196. The age limits for this examination are 18 and 55 years, the maximum limit being waived in the case of honorably discharged United States soldiers and sailors. Age limitation is also waived in the case of persons employed as regular rural carriers who apply for examination for the position of motor rural carrier.

#### FOURTH-CLASS POSTMASTER.

197. A copy of the regulations governing the appointment of fourth-class postmasters may be obtained from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., upon request.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF EXAMINATIONS.**

First-grade, or clerical. (Time allowed, 5 hours.)		Second-grade, or minor clerical. (Time allowed—Post-Office Service, 4 hours; other services, 4½ hours.)		Third-grade, or subclerical. (Time allowed, 3 hours.)	
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<sup>1</sup>In the first-grade examination competitors who fail to attain a rating of at least 70 in arithmetic or 65 in report writing will not be eligible for appointment, and the remaining subjects of their examinations will not be rated.

<sup>3</sup>The subject of reading addresses is given as subject 6 in the examination for the Post-Office Service; for other services the sixth subject is United States geography. <sup>3</sup>Rated on application and corroborative evidence. Statements as to training and experience are

# SPECIMEN QUESTIONS.

FIRST-GRADE EXAMINATIONS.

1. Spelling: Twenty words of more than average difficulty. 2. ARITHMETIC: Fundamental rules, fractions, weights and measures, percentage, interest, discount, commission, customhouse business, stocks and bonds, partnership, analysis, and statement of simple accounts. 3. PENMANSHIP: Rated on legibility, rapidity, neatness, and general appearance. 4. REPORT WRITING: Test in writing in letter form an orderly, concise, and grammatical statement of the essential facts included in a given statement of 400 to 500 words. 5. COPYING AND CORRECT ING MANU-SCRIPT: Test in making a smooth, corrected copy of a draft of manuscript which includes erasures, misspelled words, errors in syntax, etc. 6. GEOGRAPHY AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

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The strip is preered. Fourth Subject-Report Writing.—Directions to the competitor. Condense the printed exercise into not more than 200 words, retaining all the facts. No effort should be made to follow the language of the text. In rating this exercise the arrangement, completeness, exactness, and conciseness of the statement, its adherence to the subject matter, its style, and freedom from errors in grammar, etc., will be considered. "The element which cost perhaps more than any other element in the world and it is also the rarest is radium and it is characterized by the ability to send out very strong rays; which has much in common with the Roentgen or X-rays, and resembles them very much, though they aren't the X-rays. The ones that first discovered radium was Professor and Mme. Curie of Paris; and we obtain radium now chiefly from pitchblende which is a uranium ore and they find it mostly in the Hartz Mountains. No one hasn't yet succeeded in separating the element radium by itself, but they sell it in the form of some one of its salts, generally the chlorid; and of this not only a few ounces is believed to be in existence. Radium has the same effect on bodily tissues like X-rays and they have made many attempts to employ it to cure organic diseases, but they haven't had a great degree of success in it yet but they have had some success. It now looks like they will limit its usefulness to cauterizing or burning; for there is lots of cases where the ordinary methods of cauterizing fails because they can't get to the diseased parts and the radium rays can, as in the case of inaccessible tumors or cancers which are very difficult to get to; and which the radium rays has been quite effective to remove them. Radium rays, however, like in the case of the X-rays, sometimes causes severe and practically incurable ulcers if the application of these rays are kept up too long, and the ulcers formed in this way are very difficult to cure. This was first discovered by an experimenter who carried a ti

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Sixth Subject—Geography and Civil Government of the United States.-N. B.—Competitors are cautioned not to exceed the requirements of the questions in their answers, as the full value of a point will be charged for each incorrect point in the answer.

1. Name States as follows: Two which border Florida on the north; two which border Colorado on the north; two which border New York on the east; two which border Wisconsin on the west; one which borders Oregon on the north; one which borders New Hampshire on the east. 2. Name: The largest two rivers which border on Kentucky; the largest two lakes which border on Michigan; the largest two sounds on the coast of North Carolina; the two bodies of water which the Niagara River connects; a river which borders on Nevada; the river on which Omaha is situated. 3. In what State is each of the following-named prominent cities located: Asheville, Trinidad, Amsterdam, Findlay, Lynchburg, Sedalia, Walla Walla, Keene, Macon, Superior? 4. (a) How are justices of the Supreme Court appointed? (b) How many amendments have been added to the Constitution of the United States? 5. (a) Name two ways in which a bill may become a law without the President's signature. (b) Name the following officials: Speaker of the National House of Representatives; Chief Justice of the United States.

#### SECOND-GRADE EXAMINATION.

1. SPELLING: Twenty words of average difficulty in common use. 2. ARITH-METIC: Embraces addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers, and common and decimal fractions and the ordinary weights and measures. 3. LETTER WRITING: Test in the use of the English language for business correspondence. 4. PENMANSHIP: Marked on legibility, rapidity, neatness, and general appearance. 5. COPYING FROM PLAIN COPY: An exact copy of a few printed lines in competitor's handwriting. 6. READING ADDRESSES.

The following questions and tests, which have been used, indicate the general character of these subjects:

First Subject—Spelling.—Spelling is dictated by the examiner. The words are written by the competitor in the blank spaces indicated on the first sheet of the examination. All words should be commenced with capital letters. The examiner pronounces each word and gives its definition. The competitor is required to write only the word and not its definition.

Opponent: One who opposes; as, a political opponent. President: The Chief Executive of the United States. Conqueror: One who conquers. Wholesome: Healthful; as, wholesome food. Achieve: To gain; as, to achieve success. Tranquil: Quiet or peaceful. Detach: To separate or remove; as, to detach a leaf from a book. Expensive: Very costly. Decease: Death; as, a person's decease. Noticeable: Worthy of notice; as, a noticeable occasion. Suspicious: Exciting suspicion; as, a suspicious circumstance. Terrace: A raised bank of earth. Rapping: Making a number of quick blows. Language: The speech of a people; as, the English language. Schedule: A list or inventory; as, a schedule of prices. Tying: Binding or fastening with a cord. Vulgar: Low or mean. Course: A way or track; as, a race course. Scalary: A stated allowance paid for services. Chicago: A city in the United States.

**Second Subject—Arithmetic.**—In solving the following problems, give the work in full, showing all the figures and mathematical signs necessary for the solution of each problem, without any unnecessary figures. Write the word "Answer" or its abbreviation, "Ans.", after the answer to each problem.

1. Add the following (here will be given a short column of figures) and substract 1,364,697,029 from the sum. 2. Multiply .9364 by 9044 and divide the product by .4682. Change the 243 to a decimal before multiplying and solve by decimals. 3. A man bought a farm of 974 acres. He then sold 204 acres at a loss of \$67.50, receiving \$1,343.50 for the part sold. How much money did the entire farm cost him? 4. A jeweler paid \$201.60 for old gold at \$1.20 per pennyweight, and made it into rings weighing 34 pennyweights each. He sold the rings at \$6.50 each. How much more money did he get for the rings than he paid for the gold? 5. A man cut 98 boards, each 18 feet long and 16 inches wide, into palings each 3 feet long and 2 inches wide. He sold the palings for \$2.50 per hundred. How much money did the palings bring? Make no allowance for saw cuts.

Third Subject—Letter Writing.—The competitor is permitted to write on either of two subjects given. The following subject has been used:

Write a letter of not less than 125 words, giving your views as to the advantages derived from free public libraries in the principal cities of your State. This exercise is designed chiefly to test the competitor's skill in simple English composition. In rating the letter, its errors in form and address, in spelling, capitalization, punctuation, syntax, and style, and its adherence to the subject, will be considered.

Fourth Subject—Penmanship.—The rating on penmanship will be determined by legiblity, rapidity, neatness, and general appearance, and by correctness and uniformity in the formation of words, letters, and punctuation marks in the exercise of the subject of copying from plain copy. No particular style of penmanship is preferred.

Fifth Subject—Copying from Plain Copy.—N. B.—Paragraph, spell, capitalize, and punctuate precisely as in copy. All omissions and mistakes will be taken into consideration in rating this subject. Make an exact written copy of the following:

No recommendation of an applicant, competitor, or eligible involving any disclosure of his political or religious opinions or affiliations shall be received, filed, or considered by the commission, by any board of examiners, or by any nominating or appointing officer. In making removals or reductions, or in imposing punishment for delinquency or misconduct, penalties like in character shall

be imposed for like offenses, and action thereupon shall be taken irrespective of the political or religious opinions or atiliations of the offenders. A person holding a position on the date said position is classified under the civil-service act shall be entitled to all the rights and benefits possessed by persons of the same class or grade appointed upon examination under the provisions of said act.

Sixth Subject—(Services other than Post-Office)—Geography.—N. B.—Competitors are cautioned not to exceed the requirements of the questions in their answers, as the full value of a point will be charged for each incorrect point in the answer.

1. Name States as follows: Two which border Florida on the north; two which border Colorado on the north; two which border New York on the east; two which border Wisconsin on the west; one which borders Oregon on the north; one which borders New Hampshire on the east. 2. Name: The largest two rivers which border on Kentucky; the largest two lakes which border on Michigan; the largest two sounds on the coast of North Carolina; the two bodies of water which the Niagara River connects; a river which borders on Nevada; the river on which Omaha is situated. 3. (a) Name the capital of each of the following-named States: Washington, Michigan, Arkansas, Maryland, Massachusetts; (b) Name the most populous city in each of the following-named States: Pennsylvania, Oregon, Vermont, Louisiana, Illinois. 4. In what State is each of the following-named prominent cities located: Asheville, Trinidad, Amsterdam, Findlay, Lynchburg, Sedalia, Walla Walla, Keene, Macon, Superior. 5. Name a river or other large body of water on which each of the following-named prominent cities is located: Jersey City; Little Rock; Duluth; Providence; Dubuque; Olympia; Charleston, S. C.; Toledo; Pierre; La Crosse.

Sixth Subject—Reading Addresses.—This exercise consists of the reading of a number of written addresses, which are photolithographed on one page of a folded sheet. On another page of the sheet are printed the same addresses, these printed addresses containing errors of omission, substitution, or insertion. The competitor is required to indicate the errors in each printed address by drawing a line below the word with pencil, thus, <u>Wilam</u> for William, in any portion of a printed address by which is not a correct copy of the written address. He should not draw a line through the incorrect word nor write the correct word over it. He should indicate any words, figures, or initials omitted on the printed page by the use of a caret, thus,  $\wedge$ , but SHOULD NOT indicate the omission or substitution of a particular letter in a word by the use of a caret. Words abbreviated in the written address, but printed in full in the printed address, are regarded as correct if the correct words are printed. Differences in punctuation or capitalization are not regarded as errors. All competitors will be started at a given signal and will be stopped together at the end of ten (10) minutes. The rating will be determined on accuracy only.

The following are illustrations of the method which should be pursued in indicating errors: WRITTEN ADDRESS-CORRECT.

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#### THIRD-GRADE, EXAMINATION.

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The following questions and tests which have been used indicate the general character of these subjects:

**First Subject—Spelling.**—Spelling is dictated by the examiner. The words are written by the competitor in the blank spaces indicated on the first sheet of the examination. All words should be commenced with capital letters. The examiner pronounces each word and gives its definition. The competitor is required to write only the word and not its definition.

Sugar: A sweet substance made from the juice of the sugar cane. Pledge: Something given as security. Cashier: One who has charge of money in a bank. Figure: A mark representing a number. Carrying: Conveying or transporting in any way. Breadth: The measure from side to side. Sheet: The amount of paper made in one body or piece; as, a sheet of paper. Easily: In an easy manner. Frontier: The border or limits of a country. Patience: The state or quality of being patient. Guess: The act of guessing; as, to guess at one's weight. Threat: The act of threatening; as, to make a threat. Diamond: A precious gem. Visit: To go to see; as, to visit a friend. Repair: To mend or make over, as, to repair clothes. People: The body of persons composing a nation; as, the American people. Require: To be in need of; as, to require money. Grease: Soft animal fat. Answer: To reply to; as, to answer a letter. Exist; To live; as, to exist in poverty.

Second Subject—Arithmetic.—In solving the following problems give the work in full, showing all the figures and mathematical signs necessary for the solution of each problem, without any unnecessary figures. Write the word "Answer," or the abbreviation, "Ans.," after the answer to each problem.

1. (This question will consist of a short column of figures to be added.) 2. Divide 2, 408,588 by 4,782. 3. Multiply 8,643 by 608, and then subtract 98,746. 4. A merchant, who spent \$225, bought 65 pounds of butter at 30 cents per pound, 84 barrels of apples at \$2.25 per barrel, and spent the remainder for coffee. How much did he spend for coffee? 5. During the month of August 450,000 bushels of wheat were shipped from a certain port. During September 87,960 more bushels were shipped than during August. What was the total number of bushels shipped in the two months?

Third Subject-Letter Writing.—The competitor is permitted to write on either one of two subjects given. The following subject has been used:

Write a letter containing not less than 100 words stating some of the advantages now derived by mankind from the art of printing. This exercise is designed chiefly to test the competitor's skill in simple English composition. In rating the letter its errors in form and address, in spelling, capitalization, punctuation, syntax, and style, and its adherence to the subject will be considered.

**Fourth Subject—Penmanship.**—The rating on penmanship will be determined by legibility, rapidity, neatness, and general appearance, and by correctness and uniformity in the formation of words, letters, and punctuation marks in the exercise of the fifth subject—copying from plain copy. No particular style of penmanship is preferred.

Fifth Subject—Copying from Plain Copy.—N. B.—Paragraph, spell, capitalize, and punctuate precisely as in the copy. All omissions and mistakes will be taken into consideration in rating this subject.

Make an exact written copy of the following:

The present postal policy is to carry newspapers in some cases free, and in all other cases at much lower rates of postage than is charged for letters; the one being for the public weal, while the other is for private benefit. If the telegraph becomes a part of the service, it will still be the duty of the Department to transmit telegrams for the press at much lower rates than for private individuals.

#### BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE RULES FOR RATING EXAMINA-TION PAPERS.

As soon as practicable after an examination, the papers of the competitors are rated and the average percentage of each ascertained, and competitors notified whether they pass or fail. The following is a brief outline of the rules for rating:

		From 100 deduct—
1.	For each error in spelling when the exercise consists of 20 words	
2.	For each error in capitalization	. 1
3.	For each failure to use or for each wrong use of the hyphen and for each improper division	1
	of a word into a compound word when required to be written solid	. 2
	[3d Dist.]	

RULES FOR RATING ARITHMETIC.	From 100
For each wrong process or for each omission or insertion of a step in a solution, according to	deduct-
gravity of error	10 to 100
For error in or evasion of a decimal or a common-fraction test, or for using wrong table in	
denominate numbers	25
For error in computation or copying, or for superfluous work not canceled	10
For complex method, the correct result being produced	5
For wrong or omitted punctuation, for fraction in answer not reduced to lowest terms, or for	
approximate result not sufficiently exact	5 to 10
For wrong or omitted designation, or sign of relation, or for use of superfluous ciphers	5
For omitting work entirely, the correct answer being given	5 to 35
For omitting work in part, according to gravity of error	5 to 25
For giving proof instead of solution, according to gravity of error	5 to 35
For writing a solution with pencil	5
Errors not specifically covered by the foregoing rules will be marked in the discretion of the e	

#### RULES FOR RATING LETTER WRITING.

In rating the letter, its errors in form and address, in spelling, capitalization, punctuation, syntax, and style, and its adherence to and treatment of the subject given are considered, and its value, in the judgment of the examiners, determined on a scale of 100.

In determining the rating for letter writing it is proper for the examiner to be guided in a general way by the following scheme: Excellent, 95 to 90; good, 90 to 80; fair, 80 to 70; ordinary, 70 to 60; poor, 60 to 50; very poor, 50 to 25; practically worthless, 25 to 0.

#### RULES FOR RATING REPORT WRITING.

In general, in addition to conciseness and completeness of the summary, the same elements will be considered in rating this subject as are considered in rating letter writing, and the ratings will be determined upon practically the same basis.

#### RULES FOR RATING PENMANSHIP.

Penmanship is rated according to its value on a scale of 100. In determining the rating, legibility, rapidity, neatness, and general appearance, as well as correctness and uniformity in the formation of words, letters, and punctuation marks, are considered, and it is proper for examiners to be guided in a general way by the following scheme: Excellent, 90 to 85; very good, 85 to 80; good, 80 to 75; ordinary, 75 to 70; poor, 70 to 65; very poor, 65 to 50; below the grade of "very poor," 50 to 10.

RULES FOR RATING COPYING FROM PLAIN COPY.	From 100 deduct—
r each word or figure omitted, repeated, substituted, or improperly inserted	5
r each error in spelling, for each transposition, for each abbreviation not in the copy, for eac	ch
failure to capitalize according to copy, for each failure to punctuate according to copy, f	or
each failure to indent margin as in copy, for each error in paragraphing, and for irregularity	in
left-hand margin	5
r each misdivision of a word at the end of a line, for each omission or improper use of the	ne ·
hyphen in dividing a word at the end of a line, for each word altered, interlined, or canceled	d,
for each blot or minor erasure, if not neat	1
r any other deviation from copy not covered by the foregoing, charges are made in the discr	·e-
tion of the examiners.	

#### RULES FOR RATING COPYING AND CORRECTING MANUSCRIPT, FIRST GRADE.

1. For each error in spelling (only one charge to be made for the repeated misspelling of the same word in the same manner); for each error in syntax (no charges to be made for consequential errors); for each word omitted, inserted, or substituted which avoids a test or causes an essential change in meaning; for failure to write any transposition, insertion, or inclosure as indicated; for restoring a word or words canceled in the copy (only 3 to be charged for restoring any group of words canceled together in copy); for each important word omitted from a phrase or other group of words.

2.	For making any transposition of a word or group of words not indicated; for each abbreviation;			
	for irregularity in left-hand margin (in each of the three cases indicated according to gravity			
	of error)	1 t	0	3
3.	For writing part of the exercise and then commencing again; for signing name		1	5

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4. For each change in tense or number which does not result in an error of syntax or radical change in meaning (only one charge to be made for a consistent sequence of changes); for each word omitted, inserted, substituted, or repeated which does not avoid a test or cause an essential change in meaning; for each error in capitalization, punctuation, indentation, paragraphing, or in division of words; for each omission of the hyphen or for placing it at the beginningof the line instead of at the end of the preceding line (total charges in either case not to exceed 5); for stenographic periods (only one charge in exercise); for each blot, each word interlined or canceled, each alteration or erasure if not neat (not more than 5 to be charged for any one interlineation, cancellation, alteration, or erasure); for omitting an unimportant word from phrases or other groups of words; for the omission or insertion of a stroke in a letter.....

#### RULES FOR RATING GEOGRAPHY.

In rating this subject each answer is rated in the judgment of the examiners according to its value on a scale of 100.

When the question requires in the answer a specified number of States, cities, rivers, or bodies of water. etc., and the answer contains a greater number than is required by the question, each incorrect part or point shall be charged the value of a required part.

#### RULES FOR RATING READING ADDRESSES.

The rating on this subject is for accuracy only. A charge of 2 is made for each error or omission in noting the errors on the printed sheet when compared with the correct written addresses given. The difference between the sum of the errors thus found and 100 is the rating on this subject.

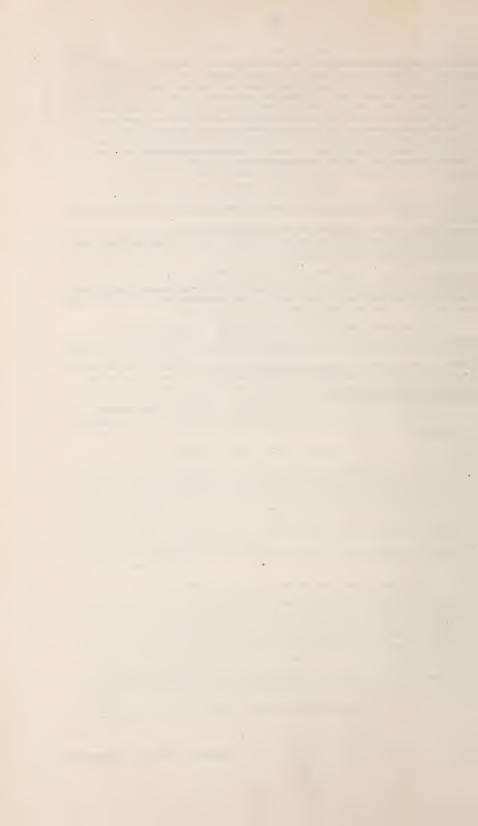
RULES FOR RATING GEOGRAPHY AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

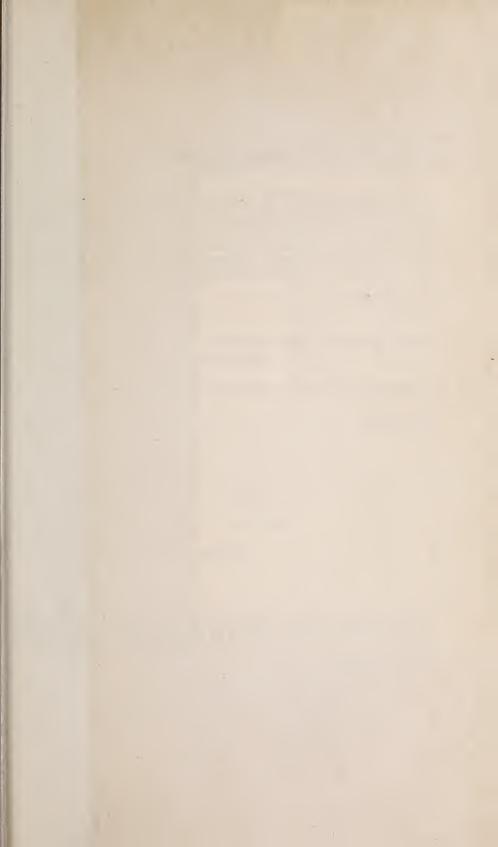
In rating, each answer will be rated in the judgment of the examiners according to its value on a scale of 100.

When the question requires in the answer a specified number of parts or points, and the answer given includes a greater number, each incorrect part or point shall be charged the value of a required part.

By direction of the commission:

JOHN A. MCILHENNY, President.





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FORM 1372—Request.

(Date.)

SECRETARY, THIRD CIVIL-SERVICE DISTRICT, Philadelphia, Pa.:

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Signature, .....,

Address, .....,

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